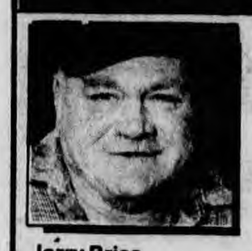
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Low 47
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45 vehicles crash on foggy Tower Drive Bridge; 3 die



Press-Gazette photo by John E. Roemer

Bridge rescue: Paramedics and firefighters remove the injured from the Tower Drive Bridge this morning after as many as 45 vehicles were involved in a fog-related chain-reaction accident. At least three people were killed.

Span closed; wreckage fire doused

By Julie Bell
Press-Gazette

Three people were killed and about two dozen injured this morning in a chain-reaction accident involving 45 vehicles on Green Bay's fog-bound Tower Drive Bridge.

The bridge was closed immediately after the accident, which was reported about 6:55 a.m. Rescuers remained at the scene late into the morning tending to the injured and clearing wreckage.

Green Bay Police Department Capt. Larry Gille confirmed that at least three people died in the accident.

Names of victims were unavailable.

A St. Vincent Hospital spokesman said 17 people were treated this morning, with most of the injuries being relatively minor.

One man was admitted to the intermediate care unit and is in fair condition. Another man was admitted to the cardiac care unit and is in serious condition. A third man has been hospitalized and is in fair condition, the spokesman said.

A St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center spokesman said seven people were being treated there for minor injuries suffered in the accident.

A complete count of those injured was not available, Deputy Chief Robert Kreuser said.

"We're thinking that there was a three-car accident involved first, that that was the catalyst," Kreuser said. "It started with a three-car, and with visibility near zero, from that point on it was just a chain."

Police have not determined how the initial crash happened, he said.

Minutes after the accident in the westbound lanes of Interstate Highway 43, a few bloodied drivers wandered dazed on the top of the bridge. About 50 yards beyond them, several cars and a garbage truck remained engulfed in flames just yards from a crashed gasoline tanker.

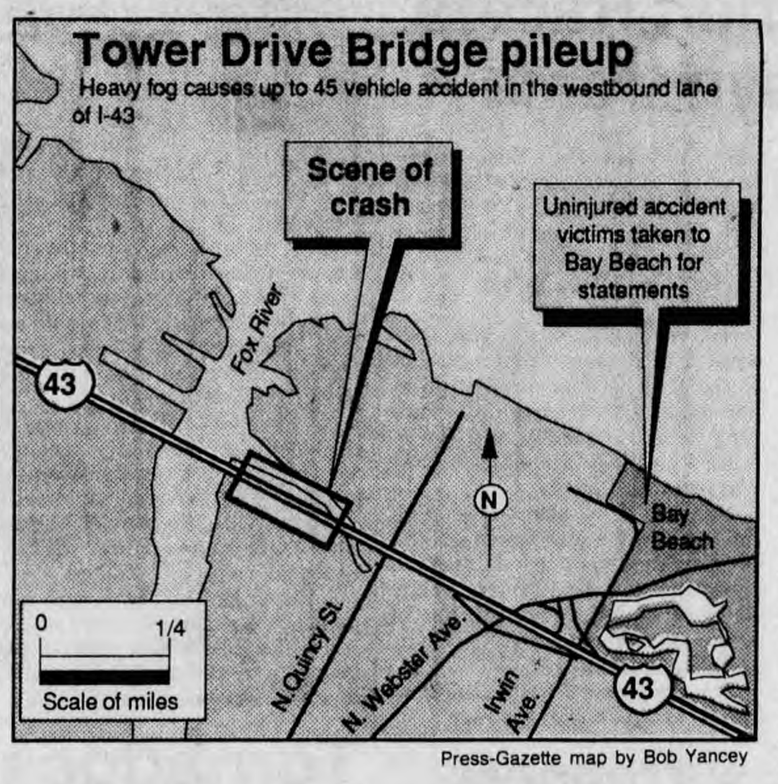
Other victims lay on the ground near the crest of the bridge, where civilians, and moments later rescue squad workers, came to their aid. Twenty yards beyond them — just east of the bridge's superstructure — both lanes were blocked by wreckage, some of it on fire.

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Press-Gazette photo by Ken Wesely

Death scene: Brown County Coroner Genie Williams walks away from wreckage on the Tower Drive Bridge.



Press-Gazette map by Bob Yancey

Soviet troops begin pullout in Hungary

HAJMASKER, Hungary — The first of nearly 50,000 Soviet troops stationed in Hungary left for home today, two days after Moscow and Budapest signed an agreement on the total withdrawal of Red Army soldiers by mid-1991.

The withdrawal began near the town of Hajmasker, about 75 miles southwest of Budapest, with the pullout of a battalion comprised of 300 soldiers and 40 armored personnel carriers.

Hungary on Saturday became the second Warsaw Pact country to negotiate a full Soviet withdrawal from its territory.

Last month, Prague and Moscow agreed that the Kremlin would bring home all of its 73,500 Soviet troops stationed in Czechoslovakia. The pullout there began Feb. 26.

The withdrawals from both countries are due to be completed by June 30, 1991 and a total of 123,200 Soviet troops are scheduled to be removed.

North says Poindexter ordered concealment

WASHINGTON — Oliver North testified today that he had general instructions from John Poindexter to conceal his activities aiding the contras from members of the House intelligence committee.



North

During North's second day on the witness stand in Poindexter's trial, Iran-contra prosecutor Dan Webb hammered away at North's assertion Friday that "nobody told me to lie" at an Aug. 6, 1986, meeting with members of Congress in the White House Situation Room.

Had North been "generally instructed" by Poindexter "to conceal facts from Congress?" asked Webb.

"Yes, conceal or withhold," replied North, adding that he had been directed to keep such matters secret from foreign governments and others.

"From Congress?" North was asked.

"Yes, it's inclusive in that," North replied.

Storms force shuttle to delay return trip

FORT BLISS, Texas — Space shuttle Atlantis, strapped to the back of a Boeing 747 for a return trip to Florida was grounded at Biggs Army Airfield Sunday because of storms, officials said.

The piggyback plane and shuttle landed here, after taking off from Edwards Air Force Base.

Storms across the South forced posponement of the rest of the trip, and NASA officials said they would decide today when the shuttle could continue its return trip to Kennedy Space Center.

Atlantis touched down at Edwards on Wednesday, completing a secret four-day, 10-hour military mission.

Estonians seek U.N. help for independence

TALLINN, U.S.S.R. — Estonians have appealed to the United Nations for help in breaking away from Moscow, calling for peacekeeping forces that would monitor an end to what they called 50 years of Soviet occupation.

The proclamation Sunday by the unsanctioned but popularly elected congress came the same day Baltic neighbor Lithuania declared independence from the Soviet Union.

Today, the Estonian congress was scheduled to discuss the republic's borders and the status of non-Estonian residents.

From Associated Press reports.

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Motorist: 'It was just bam-bam-bam'

By Paul Srubas
Press-Gazette

Cars were going 55 and 60 miles per hour in the dense fog, "and it was just bam-bam-bam, with no stopping," said a motorist this morning after she and about 44 other drivers were involved in a massive chain-reaction accident on the Tower Drive Bridge.

"A car in front of the garbage truck exploded. It was just a mass of flames," said Sharie Deicher, 39, of Green Bay, who escaped injury in the crash. "There was a garbage truck on fire, and diesel fuel was running all over. I thought the bridge would catch on fire."

Cars and trucks were stacked like fallen dominoes on the bridge following the accident that killed at least three people and injured about two dozen others.

About 18 wreckers hauled smashed vehicles off the bridge to the parking lots of Bay Beach Amusement Park, where police planned to interview people who were involved in the accident but not seriously injured.

Ambulance crews that had rushed the injured to area hospitals returned for second and third trips as vehicles were unstacked

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UWGB's lengthy wait finally climaxes in NIT bid

Phoenix plays at Southern Illinois in opener Thursday

Press-Gazette

Two agonizing hours, eight false-alarm phone calls and still no ringing endorsement for the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay basketball team's first-ever bid to the National Invitation Tournament.

Then — finally — at 8:45 p.m. Sunday, the call came.

"We're in," announced a grinning Coach Dick Bennett.

His next words were engulfed in a rousing cheer from the two dozen players and coaches who crowded Bennett's kitchen through more than two hours of waiting, wishing and wondering.

Finally — after five Bennett-led seasons, after a record-setting campaign this year — the Phoenix has a post-season.

UWGB opens NIT play at 7:30 p.m. Thursday against Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill. The second round of the 32-team tournament is set for March 19-20, with the quarterfinals March 21-22.

"That last hour seemed to go forever," senior guard Mike Karisny said. "There's so many things that go through your head. Was that your last game?

"But when we got the call, it was heartwarming."

For more than an hour Sunday, Karisny and his teammates thought they had been overlooked. UWGB had expected its bid by 7:30 p.m. but eight calls and more than an hour later, Dick Bennett still was waiting by the phone.

Bennett took calls from the media, from supporters, from his daughter Amy. Each time, an excited throng surrounded Bennett and the phone, then slunk away quietly, realizing it wasn't "The Call." By 8 p.m., Bennett was pacing between kitchen and living room.

"It doesn't look good," said his wife, Anne.

Call No. 6 brought the news that Marquette University had received a bid.

Bennett: "Well, they're still calling people."

Finally, the call came. Bennett answered, heard UWGB Athletic Dan Spielmann's voice, took a breath, then made the announcement that sent his players into a frenzy.

Eight Division I teams that won 20 or more games did not receive bids to either the 64-team NCAA or 32-team NIT tournament.

"It's going to give us something to talk about, it's going to give a lifetime of memories, and I'd like to think it's also a start of something maybe bigger, maybe better," Dick Bennett said.

UWGB tourney coverage plans

■ Radio station WDUZ (1400 AM) plans coverage of Thursday's 7:30 p.m. NIT game between the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and Southern Illinois University. As of late this morning it wasn't known whether any local TV station would air the game.

■ The *Green Bay Press-Gazette* is running a special six-page section today on UWGB's participation in the NIT.

■ Today's sports section offers full coverage of the NCAA tournament picks. Coverage on C-1 and C-4.

Coming Tuesday: Business EXTRA looks at women veterinarians, consumer issues

From A-1

☐ Crash

Leo Terry of Green Bay, his face smeared with blood, crouched against the highway's concrete lane divider and waved an ambulance on. He said he was driving his Sunbird coupe when he hit a wall of fog in the left lane, then slammed into a stopped car in front of him.

He was going 55 mph before he slammed on his brakes seconds before impact.

"You couldn't see nothing," said Terry, 1011 Laverne Drive.

Tom Legener, 1226 Danz Ave., leaned against the divider several yards up from Terry, dabbing with a bloodied tissue at a stream of blood coming from a cut near his right eye and a scrape on his forehead. His body was shaking.

"I don't know what happened," he said. "All of a sudden — impact."

Legener joked his Ford Escort was a compact and is now "a subcompact." He and another man involved in the accident, 19-year-old James Vandertie, said they could hear crash after crash as they clambered to get out of their cars.

"It was like boom, boom, boom, every couple of seconds," Vandertie said. His only injury was a few fragments of glass in his hand.

Vandertie said the chain-reaction began when a van hit an oil tanker.

Legener, surveying the few crumpled cars visible through the fog from the top of the bridge, said, "It's gotta be the worst (accident) that ever happened on this bridge."

Firefighters doused a fire that had engulfed at least one crumpled car, attempting to keep it away from a Christensen Oil Co. tanker parked near the head of the accident. A van had crashed into the tanker's side.

Rescue workers waved off curious onlookers who stopped their cars in the eastbound lanes and wandered up to take a look.

At the head of the eastbound line sat Barbara Brandstatter of Red Banks, who had been driving across the bridge with her dogs Tumper and Seyka when she saw the wreckage on the opposite side.

Brandstatter said the top of the bridge had fair visibility at the time of the accident, but said another wall of fog was just beyond where she stopped her car.

She said she had no idea what was ahead in her own lane, so she stopped her car.

"I just got out and ran back and started showing flares," she said. "I had about a dozen flares."

☐ Driver

and additional injured were rescued.

Fog apparently was a factor in the chain reaction of about 45 vehicles, but police still were trying to sort out how the first accident of the chain took place, said Green Bay Police Officer John Maloney.

A black plume of smoke rose over the flashing lights of the wreckers and rescue squads on the bridge. As sirens wailed, a police officer called for a paddy wagon or any other kind of available truck, apparently to help transport people.

The westbound lane of the bridge was filled from the span southward for about 150 yards with smashed vehicles, police, rescue workers, and fire trucks. Firefighers had several vehicle fires to douse. People in the east side neighborhoods below the bridge could be seen watching rescue efforts.

Several people remained trapped in vehicles at least 1½ hours after the accident, which took place at about 6:55 a.m., police said. A red pickup truck was perched on top of another vehicle, its rear end thrust at least 12 feet into the air.

Victor Brown, 30, a trucker from Oklahoma who was involved in the accident, said at 8 a.m. that a woman still was trapped inside a vehicle on the bottom of the pile.

"It (her car) was bent up, just folded up like a pancake," Brown said. "I heard her saying 'Help me, get me out of here.' I couldn't do anything to get her out."

Brown, who escaped with minor cuts, slowed down when he heard on the police scanner that the accident took place, but his truck was struck from behind by vehicles coming up onto the bridge, he said.

"The fog was like a thick blanket," said Julie Vlies, 36, of New Franken, who was involved in the crash but not injured. "There was no way of stopping."

"I can't believe it," said Christine Kleiman, 28, of Algoma, who also was involved in the accident but not injured. "I've never been in an accident before. It looked like something on TV."

Iditarod musher: Racers have 'crazy syndrome'

KALTAG, Alaska (AP) — The mushers in this year's Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race are suffering from "crazy syndrome," says defending champion Joe Runyan.

"Everybody's pushing, pushing, pushing," he said Sunday.

Runyan, running third behind Lavon Barve and three-time winner Susan Butcher, was doing some pushing of his own today as he struck out across the 90 miles that separate Kaltag from the Norton Sound.

Kaltag, 776 miles into the race, is the last checkpoint on the Yukon River; the next stop is the community of Unalakleet, with 850 people the largest settlement on the 1,158-mile trail between Anchorage and Nome.

Butcher was first into Kaltag on Sunday but decided she and her dogs needed a rest. She surrendered the lead to Barve, who left at 2:28 p.m. Butcher left at 6:10 p.m., with Runyan 20 minutes behind her. Four-time winner Rick Swenson mushed out of Kaltag at 8:10 p.m.

Racers usually begin the trek with 17 to 20 dogs, dropping them as the dogs become sick or injuredor exhausted. Runyan was running 15 dogs Sunday and Barve and Swenson each had 14. Butcher was down to 12 dogs.

Named for an abandoned gold-mining town along the trail, the Iditarod race was started in 1973 to commemorate the 1925 emergency delivery of life-saving diphtheria serum from Anchorage to Nome by sled dog teams.

Six mushers have scratched out of the 70 who began the race.

Tennis pro, 19, surrenders in shotgun deaths of parents

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — A 19-year-old tennis pro charged with his brother in the shotgun slayings of their millionaire parents returned home from a tournament in Israel and surrendered to police waiting at the airport.

Eric Menendez, 19, was arrested early Sunday after arranging the surrender through his attorney, said police Lt. Bob Curtis. Menendez was booked for investigation of murder and jailed without bail.

His brother, 22-year-old Lyle Menendez, was arrested Thursday. He was held without bail for arraignment today.

Curtis said he did not know when Erik Menendez would be arraigned.

The brothers were charged with two counts of homicide each in the slayings of their parents, Jose Menendez, 45, and Mary Louise "Kitty" Menendez, 44. The couple were shot to death Aug. 20 in their $5 million Beverly Hills mansion. The sons reported finding the bodies upon returning from a night on the town.

The young men are heirs to the $14 million estate of Jose Menendez, an executive of a video distribution company.

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Newsmakers

Busfield identifies with character

RADNOR, Pa. — **Timothy Busfield** says he draws on his own personality in playing Elliott Weston, the yuppie jerk, in ABC's *thirtysomething*.

"That's who I am," Busfield said in an interview in the March 17 edition of *TV Guide*.

"I'm a jerk, first and foremost. I don't know the answers. I'm an idiot. I make mistakes. I stick my foot in my mouth. I'm insensitive when I don't want to be."

But Busfield said he has more than an emotional identification to Elliot.

Elliot has a failed business behind him and two small children he struggles to know. He chases other women and at one point separated from his wife.

When the role was offered to him, Busfield was in the throes of his own failed marriage, had trouble connecting with his own young son and had watched his children's theater project go under.

This season, Elliot has reconciled with his wife, is back working with his old partner and has reached an understanding with his children. And Busfield has remarried, has a second son and his children's theater company is thriving.

Lowe worries about fan reaction

NEW YORK — **Rob Lowe** says he's worried about how moviegoers will react to his first appearance on the big screen since a videotape of his sexual escapades was splashed across TV screens.



Rollins
Considered suicide



Lowe
Mends his image

"There's no way that you can know how embarrassing it was," Lowe says in the March 19 issue of *People*. "No matter what adjective I choose, it would be trivializing it."

Lowe says he went underground to escape the publicity surrounding an X-rated videotape of himself and two other women — one of whom was a minor — made in an Atlanta hotel room in 1988.

The district attorney in Atlanta chose not to prosecute Lowe. In exchange, Lowe agreed to do 20 hours of community service.

With the release of his new movie, *Bad Influence*, Lowe says he is hoping the public will forgive and forget.

Rollins considered suicide

RADNOR, Pa. — **Howard Rollins,** co-star of NBC's *In the Heat of the Night*, said his addictions to drugs and alcohol drove him to consider suicide three days before Christmas.

The actor, who portrays detective Virgil Tibbs, said an inner voice was telling him: "Just go ahead and kill me. I'm sick of it. I'll never straighten out my life, I'll never have the career I want.

"How can I talk about a career when I can't even stop using drugs? Why can't I just take a gun to my head and be out of this misery?"

In an interview in the March 17 issue of *TV Guide*, Rollins said he took his last drug on Dec. 28. Then he packed up his drug paraphernalia and stomped it to pieces.

Ex-Miss USA felt exploited

WICHITA, Kan. — **Christy Ficthner-Alhadef,** Miss USA 1986, says she was exploited during her yearlong reign, making her the second former beauty queen to criticize the pageant operation.

"No one is pushed that hard, not Miss Universe, not the chaperones, just Miss USA," she told *The Wichita Eagle*.

Miss USA 1989, **Gretchen Polhemus,** also complained about her treatment.

From Associated Press reports.

Lithuanian action alarms Gorbachev

By Ann Imse
Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev today called Lithuania's declaration of independence "alarming," but gave no indication he plans any action to prevent the republic from breaking away.

He did not, however, acknowledge the legality of the move, continuing to refer to Lithuania as a Soviet republic and not by the new name adopted by Lithuania's legislature.

Another member of the ruling Communist Party Politburo told reporters that the Kremlin will deal peacefully with Lithuania.

"We will not use force," Yegor K. Ligachev told reporters at the Congress of People's Deputies in Moscow. "We must resolve this by political means."

Gorbachev, opening a new session of the congress, noted that the chairman of the Lithuanian delegation was absent from his chair on the stage with other members of the Presidium.

"The information coming from Lithuania is alarming, and momentous decisions are being made there that will affect both Lithuania and the Soviet Union," Gorbachev told more than 2,000 deputies.

Just two weeks after pro-independence candidates won a two-third majority in Lithuania's legislature, the body met in the Lithuanian capital, Vilnius, and voted to restore sovereignty after 50 years of Soviet rule.

Lithuanian lawmakers acknowledge, though, that true independence can only be won after long, difficult negotiations with the Kremlin.

The newly elected legislature of the Baltic republic of 3.7 million people voted 124-0 with six abstentions to secede. It also chose Vytautas Landsbergis, chairman of the nationalist Sajudis movement, as president.

After it was approved, legislators stood and joined hands, chanting "Lietuva, Lietuva" (Lithuania). Outside, a small crowd broke into wild cheers.

Violence mars Chile's inauguration

By Kevin Noblet
Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile — President Patricio Aylwin called for an end to violence and hate as he took over from long-ruling Gen. Augusto Pinochet, but street disturbances marred the celebration of democracy's rebirth.



Aylwin

"Chile doesn't want more violence, it doesn't want more war," Aylwin declared Sunday night after his inauguration earlier in the day.

Thousands cheered the end of Pinochet's 16-year rule.

"This infant being born, this liberty we are reconquering, we have to take care of it," said the 71-year-old Aylwin. He said that would require "knowing how to respect one another, never again having Chileans divided into enemies."

Aylwin's first official act was to pardon all political prisoners under the Pinochet regime. His government also restored diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, East Germany, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Chile is the last in a series of South American countries to restore elected civilian rule in the last decade, ending the dominance of authoritarian military leaders.

But Pinochet, 74, who seized power in a bloody 1973 coup that toppled Marxist President Salvador Allende, plans to stay on as commander of the powerful 60,000-man army and has rejected Aylwin's requests that he retire from the military.

Aylwin, who won in December with the backing of centrist and moderate leftist groups, assumed office to thunderous cheers and applause in a half-finished congressional building in Valparaiso, 70 miles northwest of Santiago.

Beside him during the ceremony was Pinochet. The right-wing general shook Aylwin's hand after Aylwin, a centrist Christian Democrat, slipped on the presidential sash.

Aylwin has vowed to restore respect for human rights and civil liberties and put more emphasis on social services for the poor. But he plans no major changes in Pinochet's largely successful free-market economic program.

A newly elected congress, dominated by foes of Pinochet, also took power Sunday.

A U.S. arms embargo placed on Chile since 1976 because of human rights violations remains in effect. The embargo was proposed by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who also was at the inauguration.

Pinochet was forced to call elections when a proposal to extend his rule to 1997 was rejected in a 1988 referendum. He entered the new congress as supporters chanted his name and detractors in the gallery shouted "Murderer, murderer!"

Earlier, a group of demonstrators tossed tomatoes and rocks at Pinochet's open-topped convertible limosine. He was not injured in the incident, which panicked some horses carrying ceremonially dressed soldiers.

Aylwin returned later in the day to Santiago, the capital, and hundreds of thousands of people lined the route into the city to cheer him as he passed in an open car.

The celebrants chanted, waved red, white and blue Chilean flags and chanted anti-Pinochet slogans including "He's fallen now, he's fallen now." For years, during demonstrations against military rule, the most popular chant was "He's going to fall."

As darkness approached, bands of leftist youths who set up barricades of burning trash and threw rocks and sticks at police.

Helmeted anti-riot squads responded with water cannons and harsh tear gas, which spread through the downtown streets. The clashes persisted for several hours before calm returned.

Quayle gets rough reception in Chile

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Vice President Dan Quayle, after receiving an unfriendly welcome from supporters of Gen. Augusto Pinochet, said Sunday the outgoing ruler assured him he would obey Chile's new government.

Quayle quoted Pinochet as saying "there would be no problems between himself and President (Patricio) Aylwin — when President Aylwin gave an order, that order would be complied with."

Quayle was jeered by a throng of Pinochet supporters when he arrived for a meeting at the general's residence.

"Go Away!" they shouted.

Quayle waved to them as he got out of his limousine, apparently unaware that their shouts were unfriendly.

There was no violence, but Secret Service agents canceled plans for Quayle to hold a sidewalk news conference near the demonstrators.

Tornadoes, floods sweep Midwest

Associated Press

Utah's biggest winter storm of the season dumped more snow today, while Kansans cleaned up tornado damage and scores of people in Illinois waited for floods to subside so they could return to their homes.

The heavy, wet snow in Utah — at least 10 inches at Salt Lake International Airport — delayed airline flights and clogged freeways Sunday.

More snow fell this morning along the Utah-Colorado border, with as much as 12 more inches expected today in Utah's mountains.

In central Kansas, at least three tornados touched down Sunday evening in Rice County, damaging some buildings. No injuries were reported. At least two tornadoes were spotted in south-central Kansas, but no damage was reported.

Flash flooding was reported after about 2 inches or rain fell in Kansas. Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Texas, Arkansas and Kansas also had flooding.

Late Sunday night, thunderstorms with winds up to 50 mph raked central Illinois. Earlier in the day more than 200 people were forced from their homes along the North Fork River after storms Saturday dumped 4 inches of rain.

Rescue workers helped about a dozen people from their homes by boat. "People are telling me that the water is higher than they ever remember seeing it before," said Bismarck Fire Department Chaplain Jim Russell.

Residents of Danville, Ill., were warned Sunday to boil their water after flooding shut down pumps at a water station.

In Arkansas, emergency services officials spent the weekend documenting damage from floodwaters.



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Court review asked on NWTC teachers

The union representing Green Bay School District teachers has filed a petition asking the state Supreme Court to review a lower court ruling allowing credit classes to be taught by instructors at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

The petition was filed by Robert Kelly of Madison, attorney for the Green Bay Education Association, Executive Director Richard Feldhausen said.

The state Court of Appeals last month said state law does not require NWTC instructors who teach Green Bay high school students to be certified by the state Department of Public Instruction.

The association disagrees with that interpretation of statues.

The case involves contracting by the district with NWTC to teach six graduation credit courses in the 1984-85 school year and four in 1985-86.

The Appeals Court ruling upheld earlier decisions by state Superintendent of Public Instruction Herbert Grover and Brown County Judge Richard Greenwood.

County buildings sought for inmates

Brown County-owned buildings such as the Mental Health Center will be scrutinized as possible sites for housing inmates until a solution for the crowded jail is found, a subcommittee decided Monday.

The panel, formed last week by the county Public Safety Committee, met for the first time Monday. The committee asked that it investigate places to keep inmates other than the jail.

Frustrated by the lack of boarding space available in nearby counties, Sheriff Leon Pieschek earlier this month began housing about 26 inmates at the Valley Motel, 111 N. Military Ave.

Subcommittee Chairman Lauran O'Connor, jail commander, said he and Harry Watson, superintendent of buildings and grounds, would explore possibilities that would meet state codes for inmate housing.

No date is set for the subcommittee's next meeting, O'Connor said.

17-year-old boy held following home fire

A 17-year-old boy was in custody this morning in connection with a fire police believe was set early today in the bedroom of a vacant Green Bay home.

"The fire had been set in an upstairs bedroom and it burned all the way to the basement," said Assistant Fire Chief Jerry Rabetski. He did not know how the blaze was set.

The home at 829 N. Maple Ave., which was for sale by Skogg Co. real estate, sustained about $10,000 damage. The fire was reported at 12:25 a.m.

Rabetski said the case was turned over to the Green Bay Police Department for further investigation.

From Press-Gazette *staff reports.*

Quote/unquote

Do you think kindergartners should attend school all day, five days a week?

"No, I believe they're just too young. My child napped in the morning and in the afternoon until she went to kindergarten. When she started going to school in the afternoons, she was tired.



Martens

"I don't think all day at 5 years old is good, and I don't think it's necessary. They've got 12 years to go to school full time, not counting kindergarten. Then they have up to six years of college.

"If you think a child should get a leg up on their education, I think that's where nursery school comes in a couple of days a week. That way, the children are learning to get along, learning the skills they need to prepare them for kindergarten. Then in kindergarten, they can learn academic skills to prepare them for grade school. Why try to put that all into one year, when you can spread it out and make it easier on the child?"

Nancy Martens, 54, De Pere, home health agent for Alpha Home Health

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Erickson lauds bridge rescues

'Team effort' made difference, police chief says

By Kathleen McGillis
Press-Gazette

Green Bay Police Chief Howard Erickson expressed satisfaction Monday with the rescue operation for a chain-reaction accident on the Tower Drive Bridge.

"It was just a team effort by a lot of people that prevented it from becoming worse than it was," he said.

He commended cooperation among his force, the city fire and public works departments, Brown County Sheriff's Department and those operating the 16 wreckers needed to clear debris. The first police and fire officials on the scene put doing their jobs above their own safety even though an explosion could have occurred, Erickson said.

"I was extremely proud of everyone involved," he said. "I thought it went off extremely well."



Howard Erickson
Proud of rescuers

Called out for rescue operations

Monday morning's rescue operations for the Tower Drive Bridge accident included:

- 30 Green Bay police officers, including 2 part-time chaplains.
- 6 State Patrol officers.
- 6 Brown County Sheriff's Department officers.
- 4 Green Bay Fire Department engines.
- 2 fire department salvage rigs.
- 2 fire department tankers.
- 27 firefighters.
- 16 wreckers.
- 9 ambulances and rescue squads.

By Monday afternoon, his department already had determined what areas it might improve should such a disaster ever occur again, Erickson said.

The main shortcoming was not assembling early a list of the injured to aid people who wanted to find out whether relatives were hurt, he said.

Erickson visited the bridge after the accident but did not supervise officers at the scene. Direction was best left to those who usually do it, he said.

"I can tell you in my 32 years of police work, I've never seen anything that bad. And I hope I never see it again," he said in describing the scene.

At the fire department, rescue crews attended "debriefing" presentations by Crisis Center workers, said Assistant Chief Jerry Rabetski.

A disaster follow-up program has been in place for about one year at the fire department to help personnel, especially paramedics, alleviate stress created by working in life-or-death situations, he said.

The magnitude of this accident, the number of people trapped in their vehicles and the difficulty of working in such an isolated location led the department to offer the counseling, Rabetski said.

When the fire department arrived on the scene, the biggest problem was deciding what equipment would be useful and getting it moved to where it was needed, Lt. Robert Nuss said Monday night.

The back of one truck was on the ground, while its front end was up in the air.

"I was amazed at what happened," Nuss said of the scene, he but concentrated on getting the job done — in his case, directing rescue efforts.

When heavy equipment arrived to move vehicles, fire department workers were able to rescue three survivors by prying four vehicles open with two pieces of Jaws of Life equipment.

"We couldn't believe it," he said of the

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Press Gazette photo by John E. Roemer

Fatal crash: Green Bay Police Officer Mike Josephson assists Brown County Coroner Genie Williams as they look over damaged vehicles that were towed Monday to the Bay Beach Amusement Park parking lot after a 52-vehicle chain-reaction accident on the Tower Drive Bridge.

Crash victim becomes rescuer

By Alice Paulsen and Tony Walter
Press-Gazette

James Vandertie became part of a rescue team on his way to work Monday morning.

When Vandertie's truck hit the pileup on the Tower Drive Bridge at about 6:45 a.m., he jumped out and tried to reach an unconconscious man in a car jammed among his and other vehicles.

When that rescue failed, Vandertie turned to another trapped driver who was calling for help. That driver was freed after the window was broken and bent.

"I didn't think much of anything," Vandertie said. "I just did what I could."

Then two garbage trucks hit the rear of the pileup, setting off a fire that spread quickly to surrounding vehicles, including Vandertie's, he said.

"All you could hear was the fuel lines blowing up and cars hitting other cars," he said.

Vandertie said he wasn't the only person helping others to safety in front of the pileup on the bridge. They worked rapidly because of their fear that the tanker truck would ignite.

"All you could hear was the fuel lines blowing up and cars hitting other cars."

— James Vandertie, driver of truck in pileup

Vandertie, 905 Elizabeth St., escaped with a sore wrist and leg.

"If I had stayed in my truck, I would have died for sure."

■ Randall Nelson, 1870 Juneberry Drive, was bruised when his chest hit the steering wheel on impact.

He said he tried to aim for the guard rail when he realized cars were stopped in front of him and people were standing around.

Then four or five other cars slammed into his truck.

"I just sort of waited and took the hits," he said.

Hours after the accident, Nelson said he still saw the expression on another man's face after that driver's four-wheel drive vehicle was rammed by a semi-trailer truck and lifted straight up from the highway.

As for his own truck, "There aren't too many straight pieces left on it," he said.

■ Joseph Hackett of New Franken was on his way to work when he hit the fog.

"There was a lot of fog, skidding and then bang," Hackett said. "Then there was steady banging, up to a minute. I was just a few cars from the front. It was not a pretty sight."

■ Gary Hazaert, 2646 Sherry Lane, said he didn't want to talk much about the accident until he had a chance to consult his insurance company.

■ Paul Baumgartner, 2380 East Ridge Terrace, said he was toward the end of the pileup.

"I guess it was handled as well as could be. There were so many people. They took people who were hurt first."

Officials consider signs for bridge

They could warn people of dangerous conditions

By Tony Walter and Kathleen McGillis
Press-Gazette

A state highway official said this morning that he might recommend the installation of changeable signs to warn motorists of dangerous conditions on the Tower Drive Bridge.

"They're very costly and the problem is, where do you put them and how many?" said Carroll Halsted, district chief maintenance engineer for the state Department of Transportation. "It's very difficult to sign for every situation. But that's what I would propose."

Fog and emissions from area mills are believed to be factors in the chain-reaction accident that killed three people and involved 52 vehicles on the bridge Monday morning.

Halsted said construction signs could be changed by State Patrol officials using cellular phones.

He said streetlights probably would not have helped to prevent the accident, and might have made the situation worse. He said lights might have distracted drivers from focusing on brake lights of cars in front of them.

The bridge is equipped with electrical hookups in case lights have to be installed, Halsted said.

Halsted speculated that drivers who regularly travel the bridge were used to patchy fog.

"People were lulled into a false sense of security," Halsted said.

State officials say the stretch of highway from Webster Avenue to Bay Port Drive is below the state average for accidents on an urban highway.

The state Department of Transportation has jurisdiction over the Tower Drive Bridge, but decisions to close the highway because of weather or other conditions are made by the Green Bay Police Department.

Green Bay Deputy Chief Robert Kreuser said the bridge is patrolled at least once every hour.

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Supreme Court upholds conviction of Newman

By Scott Hildebrand
Press-Gazette Madison Bureau

MADISON — The state Court of Appeals today upheld the conviction of Jerald D. Newman on 18 felony charges related to securities fraud.

The appeals court rejected numerous arguments presented by Newman for overturning the conviction.

Newman was convicted of the securities fraud-related charges in August 1987 after a 19-day trial before Waupaca County Judge Philip Kirk. Kirk sentenced Newman in October 1987.

The charges against Newman ranged from securities fraud to perjury. They stemmed from operation of his diversified investment firm, Newman Companies Inc. of Green Bay.

The charges covered the period beginning in January 1982 and ending in October 1984, when Newman Companies filed for bankruptcy, defaulting on about $8.5 million in corporate notes and a $1 million deficiency in a mortgage note program.

According to court records, Newman allegedly misrepresented his company as profitable when it was losing hundreds of thousand of dollars each year and was only able to honor the notes as they became due by the sale of additional notes to new investors.

In his appeal, Newman argued that the Legislature's designation of an exemption as an affirmative defense against violations of securities law unconstitutionally shifted the burden of proof from the state to him.

He also said he was unconstitutionally denied the assistance of counsel, that the court erred by permitting the amendment of information during the trial and that the court erred by concluding that no specific intent was required to violate the securities law.

The appeals court rejected each of the arguments made by Newman.

The court rejected Newman's claim that the court erred by permitting the prosecution to amend the charges against Newman from "party-to-the-crime" to principal violations.

The appeals court also said Newman's allegation that he was improperly denied legal counsel was without merit.

St. Vincent Hospital to end psychiatric care services

By Terry Anderson
Press-Gazette

St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay is ending its psychiatric care services at the end of April.

Administrator Joseph Neidenbach today announced that the hospital will stop accepting admissions March 30 and will discontinue psychiatric services April 30.

Neidenbach said the measure is a response to recent expansion of psychiatric services elsewhere in the community.

"Quality psychiatric services are available at Bellin Psychiatric Center, Brown County Mental Health Center, Libertas (St. Mary's Hospital) and Fox Valley Hospital," Neidenbach said. "We are confident these hospitals will adequately provide the psychiatric care needed by the community and region."

Neidenbach said no jobs will be lost when the hospital closes its 10th floor, 30-bed in-patient treatment center, and day treatment facilities.

The 44 employees affected will be given reassignment opportunities.

Neidenbach said the action is "a positive step in that it serves the best interests of the community by preventing costly duplication of services available at other area hospitals, and allowing St. Vincent Hospital to better focus its resources on fulfilling its mission as an acute-care hospital and a regional referral center."

Hospital spokesman James Reck said a 1986 hospital study determined that psychiatric services would not be a priority service for St. Vincent. To make psychiatric services a priority would have required an investment of resources needed elsewhere.

"This action is a continuation of our strategy of building services unique to the community, Northeast Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula," Neidenbach said. "It will enable St. Vincent Hospital to focus resources in the further development of those regional services: the Cancer Center, Rehabilitation Center, Emergency Center, Perinatal Center, Dialysis Center and Surgery Services."

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'White wall' started crashes

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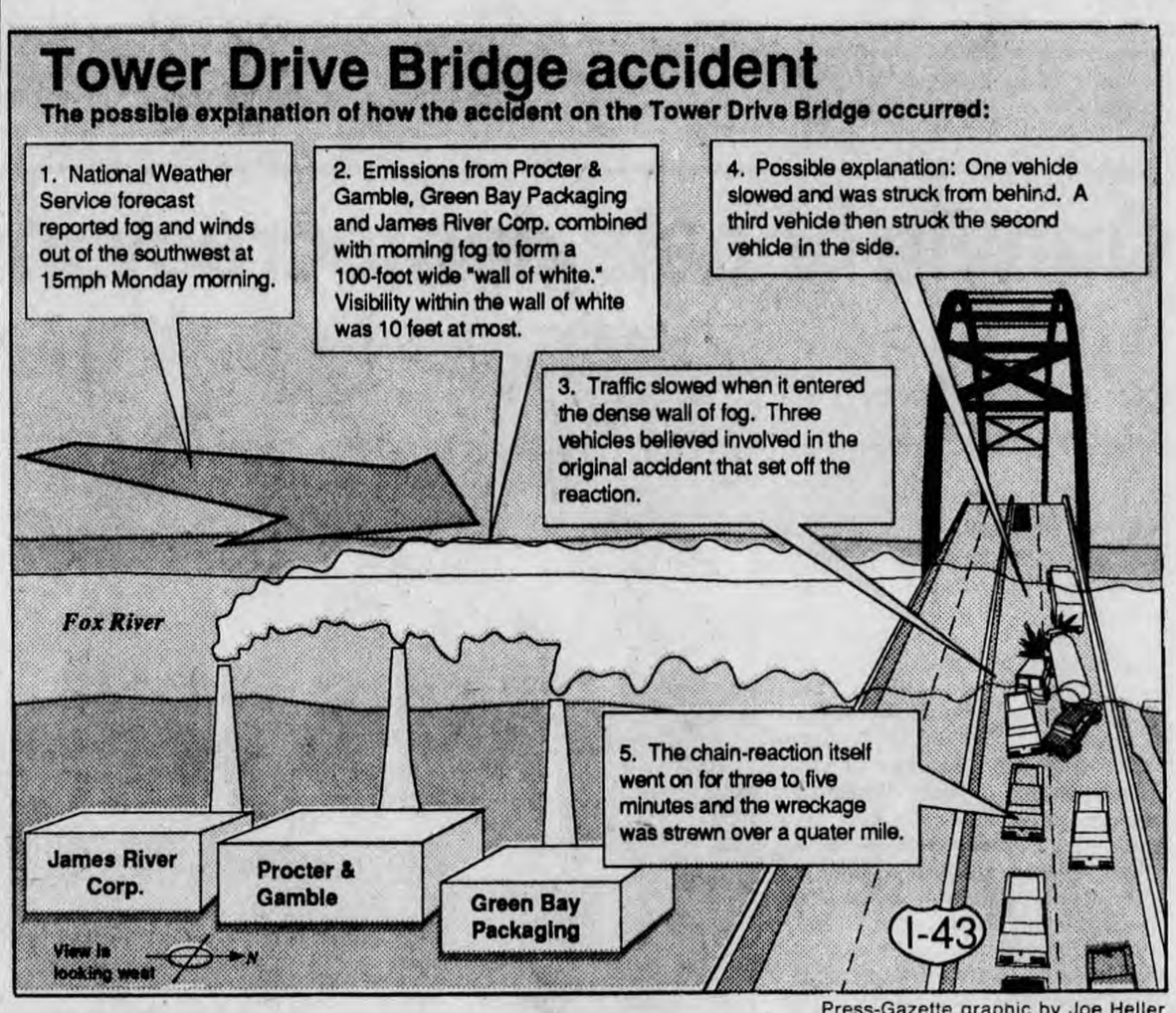
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Complete weather report on B-6.

Tower Drive Bridge accident

The possible explanation of how the accident on the Tower Drive Bridge occurred:



Press-Gazette graphic by Joe Heller

Fog, factory emissions blamed for Tower Drive Bridge pileup

By Julie Bell
Press-Gazette

Fog combined with emissions from factories lining the Fox River to create a 100-foot-wide "white wall" on the Tower Drive Bridge Monday morning, starting the worst chain-reaction accident in Green Bay history, police said.

The accident killed Jennie M. Strnad, 20, 2311 Pecan St., Susie Chriske, 40, 611 Larry Lane, and a man whose name has yet to be released.

The chain reaction apparently began with a three-vehicle accident when a driver slowed suddenly for a bank of fog and was struck from behind, Lt. Robert Boncher of the Green Bay Police Department said.

Another vehicle then struck the second vehicle in the side, beginning a crash that police said continued for three to five minutes and left wreckage strewn over a quarter of a mile.

Two of the people who died burned when their cars exploded into flames after their gas tanks were struck, police said. A third died from impact-related injuries in a car that was compacted by the accident.

"It was like, for the people driving through, hitting a white wall and they could not see," Boncher said. "Visibility was, maybe at the most, 10 feet."

Deputy Police Chief Robert Kreuser said police, who make the final decision on whether to close the Interstate Highway 43 bridge, have never closed the bridge because of fog and gave no thought to shutting it down Monday morning.

"This is the first time that this has ever happened where the fog and smoke combined to create a situation, and it's a freak of nature, so to speak," Boncher said. "The atmospheric conditions were just right."

Boncher and Kreuser said emissions from James River Corp., Procter & Gamble Paper Products Co. and Green Bay Packaging Inc. combined with the fog to create a thick, white cloud.

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Five children die in Madison fire

MADISON — Five children, aged 10 months to 12 years, were killed early today in a fire at a town of Madison apartment complex.

Police Chief Wayne Romis said the blaze was called in by one of his officers about 2:35 a.m.

"The officer did attempt a rescue effort but was driven out . . . by heavy smoke, heat and fire," Romis said.

Authorities said it took about 1½ hours to bring the fire at the Sommerset Circle apartments under control.

Fire Chief Keith Tveit said the blaze appeared to have started in a kitchen at the rear of the apartment.

Leaked memo lists radiation problems

CARSON CITY, Nev. — A briefing paper for Energy Secretary James Watkins was inadvertently leaked and lists various problems involving radiation contamination and reactor safety at weapons plants around the nation.



Watkins

The daily briefing for Monday's operations was obtained by The Associated Press after it was sent by mistake to governors' offices by fax machine.

The two-page summary contains reports by Department of Energy operations to Watkins that were assembled by his office and were being sent back to the DOE offices.

Three hours after the briefing paper was sent out, a note addressed to "all state governors" urged them to disregard and destroy the document.

DOE press secretary M.J. Jameson said it doesn't suggest an excessive number of problems. She said the report was instituted by Watkins as a way to keep tabs on all DOE operations.

Soviet Congress votes in presidency plan

MOSCOW — The Soviet Congress today reversed 70 years of Soviet tradition and approved Mikhail S. Gorbachev's plan for a strong presidency and a multiparty political system.

The Congress also legalized private ownership of factories.

It scrapped the clauses of the Soviet Constitution that guaranteed the Communist Party's leading role in society.

The lawmakers approved the measure on the presidency by a vote of 1,817 to 133, with 61 abstentions, the official Tass news agency said. A two-thirds majority of the Congress of People's Deputies was required for the motion to pass.

FDA approves more AIDS vaccine testing

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration on Monday approved expanded testing of an experimental AIDS vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk that currently is being tested in California.

At the current stage, the vaccine is being tested as a treatment for AIDS rather than a prevention. As in the California trials, the vaccine would be given only to people already infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, that causes AIDS.

Researchers are trying to find out whether the inactivated virus will cause the body to produce specific cells, called T cells, that destroy other cells infected with the virus.

They hope that by stimulating the immune system's response to HIV, the vaccine might halt or reverse spread of the virus in newly infected people.

From Associated Press reports.

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Victims tell harrowing experiences

3 detail escapes from crashes

By Julie Bell
Press-Gazette

Minutes after Darrell Wise of Green Bay left his shift on a Procter & Gamble paper-making machine Monday morning, he was pounding frantically to break the windshield of his car as vehicles exploded into flames around him.

One of 52 drivers involved in a three-fatality, chain-reaction crash on the Tower Drive Bridge, Wise remembers breaking the glass with his hand and somehow clambering out the broken windshield before his 1982 AMC Concord caught fire. But he does not remember how he got to the top of the bridge with only a cut on his hand and a scratch on the tip of his nose.

Chris Kleiman was on her way from her home in Algoma to her job as a Marinette Elementary School counselor. She left her house about 6:10 a.m. in her new Beretta, and stopped 38 minutes later for a pickup truck that had halted in front of her. It was then that vehicles began slamming into her from behind.

Wendy LaCosse was on her way from her home at 445 Laverne Drive to her job as a secretary at Wisconsin Lift Truck Corp. when she was hit from behind by a pickup truck, which landed on top of her 1983 Ford Escort. It took firefighters 25 minutes to cut her out of her car using the Jaws of Life.

The three told their stories late Monday morning outside the Bay Beach Amusement Park Pavilion, where they had just given statements to Green Bay police officers. All said it was the first time they were in an accident as a driver.

"Supposedly, there's a good chance everybody will be in a serious one in (their) lifetime," Wise said. He said he hopes that Monday's accident was serious enough to qualify as his.

Here, in more detail, is a rundown on how each came to be in the westbound lane of Interstate Highway 43 on the Tower Drive Bridge Monday morning — and what happened after they arrived.

- Wise got to his car in the Procter & Gamble Paper Products Co. parking lot shorly after 6:30 a.m., and began to head toward his home at 2190 Wildwood Drive along his usual route — I-43. When he got to the bridge, fog had rolled in.

Unlike some other drivers, Wise, 44, said he could see well enough to tell that the car ahead of him had stopped, so he

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Press Gazette photo by John E. Roemer

Reunited: Randy Kleiman comforts his wife, Chris, after being reunited with her at Bay Beach Amusement Park Monday morning. Chris was involved in a chain-reaction accident on Tower Drive Bridge and was taken to the park by bus. Her husband had been informed earlier that she was uninjured.

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Shamir fires Peres after dispute over peace talks

By Allyn Fisher
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir fired Vice Premier Shimon Peres today in a dispute over which Palestinians to include in peace talks and Peres' Labor Party quit the 15-month-old coalition government.

The 10 other Cabinet ministers from the center-left Labor Party resigned after Shamir dismissed Peres as finance minister.

The collapse of the coalition set off a search for a new government, with both Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc and Labor seeking alliances with small religious parties in advance of a no-confidence vote in Parliament on Thursday.

The dispute is over Labor's support of a U.S. proposal to hold peace talks in Cairo with a Palestinian delegation. Likud opposes it because the Palestinians would include residents of Israeli-annexed East Jerusalem as well as deportees.

The firing and resignations were not to take effect for 48 hours, leaving room for a last ditch compromise.

Such a deal seemed remote, but Likud's Transport Minister Moshe Katzav said "it is reasonable to presume that there will be more contacts and efforts to prevent the dismantling of the government."



Shimon Peres
Fired as Israel's Vice Premier

Peres raised the possibility of avoiding new elections by forming a Labor-led government with ultra-Orthodox and left-wing parties.

Monday's 70 all-time high for this area

By Karil Van Boxel
Press-Gazette

When the temperature hit 70 degrees in Green Bay Monday, it broke the record for the date and continued a warm trend that started in January.

It also was the earliest in the year it ever has been that warm in Green Bay, according to the National Weather Service at Austin Straubel Field.

The previous record high for March 12 was 55, set in 1977.

The average daily temperature so far in March has been 36.7 degrees, warmer than the normal high of 35 and low of 19.

- Records baked the eastern U.S. Monday/**A-2**

The low Monday night was 42.

If the warm trend continues, March 1990 could end up as the warmest on record, Jack Stone, specialist at the weather service, said. It already is in eighth place at 5 degrees above normal and still has the warmest part of the month to go, he said.

In March 1910 and 1894, the temperature averaged 41.4 per day for the all-time high.

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Coming Wednesday: Students are getting help at school in making good nutritional choices

FIRST EDITION

Early summer stays over eastern U.S.

Associated Press

A high-pressure system pumping tropical air over the eastern United States broke hundreds of heat records, spread deadly fog over highways and left budding trees vulnerable to the nip of a late frost.

"I played golf yesterday, and I said then I was playing again today," said Gene Novak, a real estate manager in Baltimore, where the temperature hit 95 Monday. "What the heck? My boss is away."

The National Weather Service forecast summery weather again today in most of the country east of the Mississippi. Temperatures up to 25 degrees above normal were expected through midweek.

Monday's high in Baltimore broke the city's 100-year-old record by 19 degrees, and from North Dakota to Georgia it was a good day for sunbathers and fishermen. Record highs were recorded in more than 100 cities.

In the nation's capital, the high of 87 was the warmest on record for any day in March. The warmth threatened to make Washington's cherry trees bloom too early for the annual Cherry Blossom Festival, scheduled to begin April 1.

In South Carolina, peach farmers worried that a late frost could nip the budding peach blossoms. "They are not far enough along to be out of damage," said Henry Nunnery of the York County Extension Office.

Dense fog caused by the warm air flowing over snow and frozen ground was reported from North Dakota into Michigan, reducing visibility to zero in places and delaying planes at airports Monday.

A combination of rain, rapidly melting snow and frozen ground caused flooding elsewhere in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

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☐ Crash

But Joseph Moran, a meteorologist at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, said today the fog probably was the biggest factor.

Steam from the factories typically has little effect on the bridge and probably would not have obscured vision that morning, Moran said.

"It's possible, but I would doubt it," he said. "We'd probably have seen it (problems from the steam) before."

A warm front moving north toward Green Bay over the weekend was the cause of heavy fog throughout the weekend, Moran said. The fog thickened from the cool night air but was lifting about the time of the accident, causing patchiness, Moran said.

"If it was completely foggy, people would have gotten used to it and slowed down, but what happened yesterday was just bad timing," he said. "The fog was breaking up at the time when people were driving. It's quite conceivable that when they started driving, conditions were good."

Police received a report of a rollover on the bridge at 6:48 a.m. When the first officer arrived at the scene, cars and trucks still were colliding. The bridge was closed immediately and did not reopen until 1:40 p.m.

It will take accident reconstruction experts days to piece together exactly what happened on the bridge, including how the accident began, Kreuser said.

Firefighters, paramedics and police worked to extricate victims from mangled cars while some vehicles still were on fire, said Capt. Roland Becker of the Green Bay Fire Department. Boncher, who was in charge of the accident scene, said explosions, including tires and gas tanks, could be heard about every five minutes.

Gas tanks on at least six cars exploded, said Capt. Roland Becker of the Green Bay Fire Department.

Other rescuers crawled between vehicles perched precariously on top of one another to get to those trapped beneath. One woman remained pinned in a mangled car underneath another vehicle for 45 minutes after rescuers arrived on the scene.

She was pulled from the wreckage alive after a Leicht companies crane was called in to lift the top vehicle off of her car.

Firefighters kept a blaze away from a Christensen Oil Co. tanker by pumping water from two large, plastic-lined water tanks they set up on the bridge's southbound lane.

Twenty-seven firefighters and up to 36 officers from the police, Brown County Sheriff's Department and Wisconsin State Patrol were called to the scene. County rescue squads and Metro Ambulance Service drivers made trips. Sixteen wreckers helped tow cars and trucks away.

Press-Gazette reporter Paul Srubas contributed to this story.

☐ Victims

stopped, too.

"The car behind me had stopped, and all of a sudden it was a mass of metal flying," Wise said. "I couldn't really see. There was glass flying in my car."

A car rolled on top of his, reducing his windows to flying shards of glass. The car next to him was on fire. On his other side was the bridge's retaining wall. So Wise began pounding on his windshield, eventually escaping his car.

Somehow, he got to the crest of the bridge and used a car phone to call his wife. "It burned," he said about what happened to his car. "It's just a mangled mess."

• Kleiman, 28, drives from Algoma to Marinette each Monday and remains there through the week to work. Monday, she left home about 6:10 a.m.

"It was kind of foggy, (so) I was driving at an easy speed," she said. But when she got to Green Bay, it appeared to be clearing. So she began to drive faster.

After she stopped on the bridge, Kleiman waited in her car until the sound of metal crashing into metal behind her had stopped.

"I got out right away (after that)," she said as her husband, Randy, comforted her late Monday morning on a Bay Beach park bench. "Some people were hollering for blankets, so I went back into my car and got a blanket."

While Kleiman waited on the bridge for help, Randy Kleiman drove from his job at Harv's Electric in Kewaunee to do electrical work in Sturgeon Bay. During the drive, he got a call on his car radio from his boss.

By that time, he had heard radio news reports of the accident and knew his wife might be involved in it. But Kleiman, who could hear the message from his boss, was too far away from Kewaunee to radio back. He had to drive for five minutes before he found a phone.

"I had many butterflies in my stomach during those five minutes," Randy Kleiman said.

As it turned out, his wife's new car was a total loss, but she emerged unscathed.

"This is not a good way to get off work," he joked as he held her Monday. "There are better ways to get off work."

• LaCosse, 23, said she was stopped on the bridge when a pickup truck flew on top of her Escort.

"The pickup truck didn't stop," LaCosse said.

☐ Record

Warmer than normal weather has not been unusual this year. January temperatures were 12.5 degrees over the daily normal and February's were 4.5 degrees higher, Stone said.

Today could prove to be another record setter. The high is expected to reach the low-60s and surpass the 58-degree high set in 1903. A low of 50 is predicted for tonight.

If the sun breaks out of the cloud cover, it could get warmer today, Stone said.

But rain may accompany the mild temperatures by afternoon. The chance of showers or thunderstorms will increase to 70 percent by tonight, with rain to continue into Wednesday.

Melting snow caused flooding over Kewaunee County roads Monday, but the water receded today, Highway Commissioner Jim Jadin said.

Highway crews removed snow from ditches in the Lincoln and Rosiere areas to allow the water to flow. "From what I've seen so far, everything is under control," Jadin said.

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Newsmakers

Basinger a hit in homecoming

ATLANTA — **Kim Basinger** received an award in one of the shortest skirts ever worn in the office of Secretary of State **Max Cleland**.

State employees put the phones on hold and hung on the actress' every word during the ceremony Monday honoring her as an Outstanding Georgian.

Basinger, star of *Batman* and *9½ Weeks* and owner since last month of the town of Braselton, declared herself "just a proud Georgian."

Basinger said her plans for Braselton are still being developed and she can't talk too much about them. In the past she has discussed building recording and film studios.

She met with the Georgia Department of Banking and Finance concerning her purchase of the Bank of Braselton, spoke to young cancer patients at a hospital and appeared Monday night at a fund-raiser for Cleland's re-election campaign.

Kerrey, Winger get together again

OMAHA, Neb. — U.S. Sen. **Bob Kerrey** has renewed his acquaintance with actress **Debra Winger**, lately divorced from **Timothy Hutton**, said a Kerrey aide.

Winger and her son, **Noah**, were spending several days in Omaha this week during the Senate recess, said **Steve Jarding**, Kerrey's press aide.

Then-Gov. Kerrey met Winger in 1983 when



Kerrey
Seeing star again



Barty
Sued by writer

she was filming *Terms of Endearment* in Lincoln. Their love affair ended in the fall of 1985, but Kerrey and Winger remained friends, Jarding said.

In 1986, Winger married Hutton. The couple had Noah a year later. Hutton, who starred the film *Ordinary People*, filed for divorce in December.

Maples to miss Trump's opening

NEW YORK — It looks like the opening of Atlantic City's newest casino will have to do without an appearance by America's newest tabloid sensation. **Marla Maples** has pulled out.

Maples, whose relationship with billionaire **Donald Trump** has been the subject of extraordinary speculation since his separation from wife **Ivana**, had been announced as a guest at the opening of Trump's Taj Mahal on April 5.

But on Monday, a spokesman for Trump said: "After assessing the media perception of Marla Maples' attendance . . . and the concerns of others involved about such speculation, she will not be attending."

For the record, Trump and Jones have denied that the relationship between the developer and the model-actress was anything more than a friendship.

Barty sued over TV show contract

LOS ANGELES — *Willow* and *Rumpelstiltskin* star **Billy Barty** is being sued by a TV writer who says the dwarf actor owes him $2,000 for his help on the brief-run show *Short Ribbs*.

Bill Winckler, 25, of suburban Woodland Hills, said Barty has ignored a contract guaranteeing him pay for each script plus a percentage of syndication profits. The show ran from September to December.

Barty, 65, was out of town Monday and unavailable for comment, said his sister, **Evelyn Barty**, from the Billy Barty Foundation, which helps raise money for scholarships for short people.

From Associated Press reports.

Quayle boosts democracy in Paraguay

First to visit that country since Nixon in 1950s

By Rita Beamish
Associated Press

ASUNCION, Paraguay — Vice President Dan Quayle, fresh from talks with President Daniel Ortega on a peaceful transfer of power in Nicaragua, is cheerleading for democracy in another Latin capital on his week-long South American tour.

No other U.S. president or vice president has visited Paraguay since the 1950s, when Richard Nixon stopped there as vice president.

Quayle and his wife, Marilyn, were honored Monday night in a gala dinner at the palace of President Andres Rodriguez, who gave the Quayles a pair of young spotted jaguars. The jaguar is native to Paraguay.

Rodriguez is the former armed forces general who overthrew military dictator Gen. Alfred Stroessner in February 1989. Rodriguez won the election he called in May.

Today, Quayle was meeting with a group of political opposition leaders in a country where political diversity was squelched in the 34-year Stroessner regime.

Quayle's message during his brief stay here is to praise the move toward democracy but also urge continued progress toward democratization, said the vice president's chief of staff, Bill Kristol.

Although the Rodriguez government has taken significant steps to reverse repression that was prevalent under Stroessner, the Bush administration wants to see greater strides, according to the 1990 State Department report on human rights in Paraguay.

The country's armed forces under Rodriguez have been used to forcibly remove poor squatters from farmland, and government corruption remains a serious problem, the report said.

While some human rights violations have been recorded, the State Department said they do not appear to be systemic or reflective of government policy.



AP LaserPhoto

Now, smile: Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti, left, former West German President Walter Scheel, U.S. Vice President Dan Quayle and Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega pose for a photo prior to the inauguration of Chilean president Patricio Aylwin. Chile inaugurated its first elected civilian president since the 1973 coup.

About 200 anti-American protesters demonstrated peacefully against Quayle's visit in the central part of Asuncion, but Quayle did not see them.

Earlier Monday, Quayle met for 1½ hours with Nicaragua's Ortega as both attended a lunch hosted at the presidential palace by Chile's newly inaugurated president, Patricio Aylwin.

Quayle said Ortega promised there will be a peaceful transition of government when he hands over the presidency on April 25 to Violeta Chamorro, the U.S.-backed candidate who defeated the leftist Ortega in the Feb. 25 election.

Quayle aides said Ortega did not mention any conditions for the transition.

Quayle called it a "cordial and productive meeting."

"He guaranteed me two things — one, on April 25 he will turn over his presidency to Violeta Chamorro. Two, he guaranteed to me that Violeta Chamorro will appoint all the ministers including the defense minister and the interior minister," Quayle said.

Quayle was traveling to Buenos Aires later today as he continues his week-long trip. He then flies to Brazil to attend Thursday's inauguration of the new president, Fernando Collor de Mello. He returns to Washington on Friday.

Bush wants $300 million in Nicaragua aid

By Jim Drinkard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is seeking a quick $300 million aid infusion to help salvage Nicaragua's war-battered economy and to solidify the political ground under president-elect Violeta Chamorro, administration sources say.

Vice President Dan Quayle said in Asuncion, Paraguay, this morning that he told outgoing Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega the aid package "will take the fighters and try to make them farmers."

Bush, at a morning news conference today, announced the aid package. He was expected to press Congress to enact the emergency appropriation by April 25, when Chamorro is to be inaugurated in her country's first peaceful transition to a democratically elected government.

Bush also was expected to announce the lifting of U.S. trade sanctions that have been in place since 1985, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Chamorro, leader of the 14-party coalition that upset President Daniel Ortega of the leftist Sandinista Party on Feb. 25, will inherit a country whose economy has been devastated by a decade of mismanagement and war. Bush called Chamorro on Monday to brief her on the package, a source said.

On Capitol Hill, Bush's aid proposal will fall into place behind a pending $500 million request for emergency money for Panama, which has been bogged down in disputes about how the new aid will be funded.

"After 10 years of trying to destroy Nicaragua, we do have a responsibility to help democracy," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee that doles out foreign aid.

"I may well agree with whatever the president's policy is there. But I don't think it is wise to be raising expectations by promising money we don't know whether we have," Leahy said.

The $300 million request will be paid for, like the supplemental money bill for Panama, through commensurate cuts in various Pentagon accounts.

Gorbachev: Lithuania's bid to secede 'illegal'

By Mark J. Porubcansky
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Mikhail S. Gorbachev today called Lithuania's declaration of independence "illegal and invalid" but urged patience, saying Moscow's relations with the Baltic republic would continue unchanged for now.

He said a commission was studying a response to Lithuania's action.

In comments to the Congress of People's Deputies, Gorbachev indicated that Lithuania's independence drive is likely to encounter formidable resistance. He said the Kremlin would not negotiate with the three Baltic republics on the independence they are seeking.

"We cannot talk about negotiations," he said. "You carry out negotiations with a foreign country."

But several lawmakers said it was likely Gorbachev would soften his position.

The Soviet leader told the 2,000 deputies that Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov and a commission were studying the Lithuanian "situation." On Sunday, Lithuania's legislature reclaimed the sovereignty the nation lost 50 years ago.

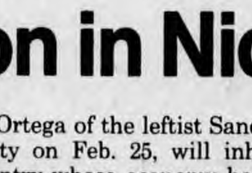
Gorbachev won applause from the Congress when he said the Kremlin would not give in to demands to negotiate with republics seeking independence, including the other two Baltic states — Latvia and Estonia.

The Lithuanians want recognition as a sovereign state and the start of talks on secession. On Monday, the Estonians called for talks with Moscow on independence. All three republics were forcibly annexed in 1940.

The Soviet leader made a point of welcoming the presence of Lithuanian deputies at the Congress. But Lithuanian deputy Vaidotas Antanaitis said they now considered themselves observers.

On Monday, conservative Politburo member Yegor K. Ligachev ruled out the use of force against Lithuania. "We will not use force," he declared, "We must resolve this by political means."

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